

PATENT Attorney Docket No. 24.354 Express Mail Label No. EV729881610US

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Inventor

Wayne J. Gonnering

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Title

Gas-Assisted Electrosurgical Accessory Connector and

Method with Improved Gas Sealing and Biasing for

Maintaining a Gas Tight Seal

Group Art Unit

3739

Confirmation No.

9088

Examiner

Michael F. Peffley

PETITION FOR TWO MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant, by and through its undersigned attorney, hereby petitions for a two month extension of time, i.e., up to and including November 28, 2006, in which to respond to the Office Action mailed June 28, 2006.

Enclosed herewith is payment in the amount of \$450 required to be paid under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 for a two month extension of time.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies in the enclosed fees or to credit any overpayment thereof to the Deposit Account of the undersigned attorney, Deposit Account No. 12-1087.

WHEREFORE, it is respectfully requested that the two month extension of time be granted.

Dated at Greenwood Village, Colorado, this 27th day of November, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

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